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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT	Attorney Docket	STAN-285
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Title: "METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS FOR HOMOZYGOUS GENE INACTIVATION USING COLLECTIONS OF PRE-DEFINED NUCLEOTIDE SEQUENCES COMPLEMENTARY CHROMOSOMAL TRANSCRIPTS"		

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Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement, the Applicants elect Group IV, Claims 27-34, with traverse.

As stated in the MPEP §803, if search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine the entire application on the merits, even though the entire application includes claims to independent or distinct inventions. It is the Applicants' position that it would not be unduly burdensome to perform a search on all of the claims together in the present application. Accordingly, the Applicants traverse the restriction requirement.

The Applicants expressly reserve the right under 35 USC §121 to file a divisional application directed to the non elected subject matter or any subject matter disclosed in this application during the pendency of this application.

Please also enter the following amendments, in view of which the Applicants request that the Examiner at least rejoin the claims of Groups II, III and VII so that at least Claims 5 to 34 and 37 are examined in this application.